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To: Mike Powell
Date: 11/25/02 11:34AM
Subject: Regulations-(UNE-P) Incumbent Local Telephone Co.

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Micheal K. Powell, Chairman
445 12th Street, SW

Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Sir,

I retired from the Mountain Bell Co. in 1982, shortly before the breakup of the Bell System, by order of Judge Green. The rules that were placed in effect (because the Bell System was considered a monopoly) are still in effect today, some 18 years later. With the competition now in the industry, some 300+ communications company, it can hardly be said that the incumbent local telephone companys are still a monopoly.

Under the current

rules, these former Bell System companies, (SBC - Bell South - Verizon- Qwest) must provide and sell their facilities to competitors at below cost. The competitors in turn resell the service to customers they take from the incumbent companies at below cost, as they do not have to invest in the central office and circuit equipment, only the end station equipment. The property taxes, maintenance, and capitol investment is the responsibility of the incumbent company.

I am sure that competition is the accepted condition in the telephone industry. However, if the incumbent companies are required to work under these 18 year old rules, when they had 2-3 competitors, there is some doubt that they can survive indefinitely. It is time to bring fairness to the playing field. Conditions change. Regulations must be modified to account for the change.

Respectfully Submitted,

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From: Jim Pappé
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Dear Chairman Powell

I am writing to ask for your continued support of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to keep the telephone industry competitive. I am an employee of Arrival Communications, a Bakersfield, California-based competitive local exchange carrier serving customers in the San Joaquin Valley and along California's Central Coast. Your decision in this matter affects my personal family, hundreds in my Arrival family, and thousands of our customers who chose our service over the incumbent local exchange carrier.

Arrival is a hard-working group of people with a common goal: to become the leading provider of communications solutions to businesses in underserved markets in California. We have fought hard to build a successful, facilities-based business providing local telephone, long distance telephone and high-speed broadband data services to thousands of small to medium sized business. We are proof that the 1996 Telecom Act is working-- Arrival offers our customers a very viable alternative to the incumbent local carrier.

We encourage the FCC and Congress, as detailed in the attached letter, to maintain the pro-competitive regulatory framework currently in place and to build upon it. Chairman Powell, we aren't looking for a handout. We simply want to provide our business customers with the best service they can get-- and they can't get it without having a choice. Can we count on you and your continued support?

Sincerely,

Jim Pappé
Network Operations
Arrival Communications

PS. I invite you to visit beautiful downtown Bakersfield and see what we're all about. <http://www.arrival.com>

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From: Bill Costello
To: Mike Powell
Date: 11/30/02 102AM
Subject: Worldcom- punish individuals, not the company

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I was a shareholder in Worldcom and lost a lot of money. However, I feel the people responsible for the fraud should be punished, but not the 1000's of employees working there, who nothing of the cooked books. Seems to me, they have done their best, and will continue to do their best to co-operate with investigators trying to get to the bottom of the mess. I do not support a boycott of Worldcom or a witchhunt of the company that will just benefit other telco's. We need the competition, let Worldcom survive post bankruptcy.

Regards,
Bill Costello